In the Specification:

On page 16, please replace the paragraph running from line 5 to line 26 with the following new paragraph:

--Referring now also to FIGURES 10-12, the relationship of the upper housing member 50 and the depending upper conduit 160 is described. The conduit 160 projects centrally downwardly into the chamber 54 from a top wall 162 of the housing member 50. The upper conduit 160 is preferably a hollow cylindrical member with a ~~passage~~ bore 164 extending therethrough. The ~~passage~~ bore 164 is in fluid communication with the suction airstream outlet passage 60 through which the suction airflow J exits the cyclonic airflow chamber 54. The conduit 160 projects downwardly from the housing top wall 162 so that the lowermost edge 166 thereof is approximately equal to the level of the lower edge 102 of the housing member 50. Also, the lower edge 166 is sloped in a manner that corresponds to the slope fo the housing member lower edge 102. The upper conduit 160 is connected to the upper housing member 50 by any suitable means such as fasteners engaged in aligned bores 168a, 168b (FIGURE 10) respectively formed in the housing member 50 and conduit 160. As mentioned, the gasket 159 is provided along the joint between the lowermost edge 166 of the upper conduit 160 and the upper edge of the filter assembly K.--.

Please replace the paragraph running from page 18, line 15 to page 19, line 8 with the following new paragraph:

--The vacuum A also comprises a the final filter assembly F (see e.g., FIGURES 1-3 and 5) adapted for filtering the suction airstream downstream from the

motor/fan assembly and immediately prior to its exhaustion into the atmosphere. A preferred structure of the final filter assembly F is illustrated most clearly in FIGURE 8 and comprises a suction airstream inlet 120 which is connected downstream and in fluid communication with the exhaust outlet 42 of the motor and fan assembly E. The inlet 120 communicates with an elongated plenum 122 that opens to the atmosphere and houses a filter medium. A protective grid or grate structure 124 is snap-fit or otherwise effectively secured over the plenum 122 to secure the filter medium in place. The filter medium is preferably a high efficiency particulate arrest (HEPA) filter element in a sheet or block form. The filter medium is retained in position in the plenum by the grid 124, but is easily replaced by removing the grid. As such, those skilled in the art will recognize that even if the motor/fan assembly causes contaminants to be introduced into the suction airstream downstream from the main filter element H, the final filter assembly F will remove the same such that only contaminant-free air is discharged into the atmosphere.--.